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| Multi-country contribution to TDAG on ITU-D/WTDC Thematic Priorities | | | |
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| **Summary:**  This is a multi-country contribution on the Thematic Priorities developed by the TDAG-WG-RDTP from European countries where the subject has been discussed as part of regional WTDC preparations. It supports the four thematic priorities. It also highlights the importance of cybersecurity and that this should be addressed in the outcomes and outputs part of the Addis Ababa Action Plan.  **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to examine this document and approve the proposal therein.  **References:**  n/a | | | |

As active participants in the TDAG working groups preparing for WTDC and planning for the D-Sector’s engagement in the work of the Union to be agreed during Plenipotentiary in 2022 we provide the following views on key aspects of this work:

* We support the four thematic priorities that were agreed in TDAG-WG-RDTP (i. e. ‘Connectivity, ‘Digital Transformation’, ‘Enabling Environment’ and ‘Resource Mobilisation and International Cooperation’). We also recognise and support calls for a focus on cybersecurity capacity building and technical assistance but believe this can be included as a component within the ‘Connectivity’ thematic priority – rather than as a separate thematic priority. We believe this will help keep a focused set of high-level priorities for ITU-D.
* We also welcome the resulting thematic priorities to become the objectives in the Addis Ababa Action Plan. We believe that key cybersecurity issues within the ITU’s mandate can be addressed in the outcomes and outputs of the Addis Ababa Action plan. We are grateful for ATU’s contribution to the plan and believe it forms a strong foundation from which to work towards consensus.
* We also support aligning the ITU-D objectives between the Action Plan and the Strategic Plan.
* We are keen to work with ATU, other regions and individual Member States to arrive at agreement on the plans and more broadly to understand better what Administrations are looking for going forward with respect to cybersecurity and would welcome further dialogue to that end, especially looking forward to further discussions of this subject throughout 2022.

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